

REMARKS

Summary of the Amendment

Upon entry of the present Amendment, Claims 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18 and 22 will have been amended, Claims 1-7, 9, 12-14, 16, 19-21, and 23 will have been canceled, and Claims 24-32 will have been added. Accordingly, Claims 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, and 24-32 remain pending in the present application. By the present Amendment and Remarks, Applicant submits that the rejections and objections have been overcome, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application.

Canceled Claims

Applicant canceled Claims 1-7, 9, 12-14, 16, 19-21 and 23 without prejudice and reserves the right to re-present these claims at a later time. As such, Applicant submits that the objections and rejections with respect to these claims are now moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw any objections and rejections directed to these claims.

Traversal of Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1 and 8-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,088,017 to Motegi. (hereinafter "MOTEGI"). The Examiner submits that MOTEGI discloses all the elements of the claims.

Independent Claims 8 and 11

Applicant's independent Claim 8, and similarly Claim 11, as amended recites, *inter alia*, ... medium writing means for performing a writing process for writing data stored in the buffer means to the disk medium when the detecting means detects the operation.

On the other hand, MOTEGI does not teach the aforementioned features. MOTEGI relates to a power supply control device for an image forming apparatus and discloses a structure to perform shutoff processing in order to protect a memory in the image forming apparatus in a case where an operation to turn off a power switch is performed by a user. In MOTEGI, a power supply control device only interrupts a writing operation to the HDD (56) and the image memory

(55) (column 4, lines 60-64). MOTEGI does not disclose that the data stored in buffer means is written to the disk medium when the operation to cut off the power supply is detected.

Additionally, Applicant's independent Claim 8, and similarly Claim 11, as amended recites, *inter alia*, ... power cutoff means for cutting off the power supply when the writing process has already been performed by the medium writing means.

On the other hand, MOTEGI does not teach the aforementioned features. MOTEGI discloses that when the power switch is turned off, capacitors included in the DC power supply (61) and controllers retain power supply to the device for periods of time (T1 and T2). (column 4, lines 15-22) Yet, the power supply-retaining period in the power supply control device depends on capacities of the capacitors.

For the foregoing reasons, because MOTEGI fails to disclose the above-noted features of the present invention, Applicant submits that MOTEGI fails to disclose each and every feature of the present invention as recited in Independent Claims 8 and 11. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of Independent Claims 8 and 11 be withdrawn.

Independent Claims 15 and 22

Applicant's independent Claim 15, and similarly Claim 22, as amended recites, *inter alia*, ... medium writing means for performing a writing process for writing data stored in the buffer means to the disk medium when the detecting means detects the user action.

On the other hand, MOTEGI does not teach the aforementioned features. MOTEGI discloses that the power supply control device only interrupts a writing operation to the HDD (56) or the image memory (55) (column 4, lines 60-64 of Motegi). MOTEGI does not disclose that the data stored in buffer means is written to the disk medium when the user action is detected.

Additionally, Applicant's independent Claim 15, and similarly Claim 22, as amended recites, *inter alia*, notifying means for notifying that the operation to cut off the power supply is not permitted in a case where the writing process has not been performed by the medium writing means and notifying that the operation is permitted in a case where the writing process has already been performed by the medium writing means. On the other hand, MOTEGI does not teach the aforementioned features.

For the foregoing reasons, because MOTEGI fails to disclose the above-noted features of the present invention, Applicant submits that MOTEGI fails to disclose each and every feature of the present invention as recited in Independent Claims 15 and 22. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of Independent Claims 15 and 22 be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 10, 17, and 18

Applicant further submits that dependent Claims 10, 17, and 18 are allowable at least for the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent Claims 8 and 15 and because these claims recite additional features that further define the present invention. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of dependent Claims 10, 17, and 18 be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicant added new Claims 24-32. Applicant submits that the new claims find support in the specification and drawings. No new matter has been added.

Applicant further submits that dependent Claims 24-32 are allowable in view of MOTEGI at least for the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent Claims 8, 11, 15, and 22 and because these claims recite additional features that further define the present invention.

Application is Allowable

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every pending claim on the present invention meets the requirements for patentability and respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate allowance of such claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that none of the references of record anticipate or render obvious the Applicant's invention as recited in Claims 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, and 24-32. The applied reference of record has been discussed and distinguished, while the significant claimed features of the present invention have been pointed out.

Further, any amendments to the claims which have been made in this response and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon prior art, should be

considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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